REMARKS

Claims 1-16 are currently pending and active in the above-identified application.

In the outstanding Examiner's Action, Claims 1-16 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, on the basis that the phrase "said terminal device" in Claim 1, line 14, and the same phrase in Claim 6, line 5, do not include antecedent basis.

By amendment above, applicants have amended Claim 1 and Claim 6 to provide the necessary antecedent basis. Accordingly, applicants respectfully request withdrawal of the outstanding rejection and allowance of the pending claims.

If the reviewing party has any questions regarding the above, he is invited to call applicants' attorney at the number listed below.
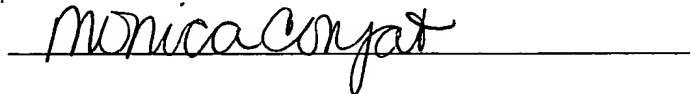
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In the Claims:

1.   (Amended) A stream distribution system comprising a stream distribution server, a plurality of terminal devices each having [a]an information reproduction function, and a local area network for connecting both of said stream distribution server and said terminal devices, wherein

said stream distribution server comprises:

reception means for receiving a stream data of a digital form transmitted through a broadcasting network or a communication network;

selection means for selecting a predetermined unit of information from the stream data received by said reception means based on a distribution condition set by each of said plurality of terminal [device] devices which has an information reproduction function;

file I/O means for controlling a file device under management of said stream distribution server and for outputting information selected by said selection means to said file device; and

transmission means for transmitting information selected by said selection means to said terminal device after executing a predetermined processing according to a limitation of a preset data transmission band.

6.   (Amended) A stream distribution system comprising:

a stream distribution server, a plurality of terminal devices each having [a]an information reproduction function, and a local area network connecting both of said stream distribution server and said plurality of terminal [device] devices, wherein

said stream distribution server targets the stream data constructed with information on a packet unit, wherein an identifier to identify a type of data in the packet is added to each packet, and comprises:

a plurality of reception means for receiving said stream data transmitted through a broadcasting network or a communication network;

selection means capable of connecting said plurality of reception means, for mixing or re-multiplexing a plurality of said stream data input from said reception means, for selecting and extracting a predetermined unit of information which coincides with the attention and recording request accepted from said terminal device by referring to the identification information to identify the predetermined unit of information which constructs said stream data, and for branching and distributing the selected and extracted information to said transmission means or said file I/O means corresponding to said terminal device;

transmission means for transmitting to said terminal device by using said filter means to adjust the transmission band of the stream data received from said selection means on a limitation of the predetermined data transmission band; and

file I/O means for controlling a file device under management of said stream distribution server and for outputting information selected by said selection means to said file device.

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